

Townshend, Capt. of
the "Echo", a native of
Providence, R.I., & married there.
[All acquitted now, at Charleston, S.C.]

Capt. Maffat, Lieut. Carpenter, & other
officers of U.S. vessel Dolphin, ~~as~~ ^{witnesses} ~~for~~

There is a class of people who
can never feel easy, unless they
can make out another class to be
their inferior; they want to "look
down" on somebody; ~~which is to offend~~
~~to the perfect~~ and, in despair of
finding any such, of their own colorer,
they set up their own colors - a thing they had
nothing to do with - as their badge of distinction,
and any departure from that color they vote to be
a mark of inferiority. ~~What a convenient way of proving the~~

It is but a few years since the R.I.
Consociation of Ministers invited two of the
most prominent defenders of Slavery, as a
Bible institution, to assist in the celebration of
the Lord's Supper - Dr. Rice of the Old School, &
Rev. Mr. Dow of the N.S. Gent. Assemblies or
Presbyⁿ. Church.

Public Sentiment stronger than Laws or Constitutions. What we want - what I. Caused Freedom most urgently needs, now, is, that the Social Support now given to Slavery and to the Slaveholder shd. be withdrawn, - totally - and he & his Infernal System left to stand, alone, by itself, in its own deformity & nakedness, - without any mask, disguise, or artificial surroundings - to the view of all men. Honest men, who now are deceived, or whose suspicions are lulled, can be deceived no longer. Even the dishonest - many of them - will cease, from very shame, - to defend such a monster.

It is the Social Countenance given to the Slaveholder which now sustains him, far more than all political compact & laws. It is this social recognition of him, in affairs of government, of daily intercourse, and more than all else in affairs of religion, wh. is his strong tower. We make no impression in portraying the fearful

wickedness of men, with whom we
are daily living on terms of friendly
recognition, & ~~with~~ whose "good an
regular church standing" we allow.

Let us ~~see~~, then, ~~after~~ this to have the
true position taken; - to take from
Slaveholder the social support we now
give him - let him stand totally alone
and he, & his foul system, will crumble
to ruins. -

Public Opinion is no shadow - if
invisible, it is, like the power of God
invincible, and sure as destiny. Let
the heart of the people be sound & right,
Slavery's doom is sealed. Even in the
old times of Jewish ~~Festive~~ ^{for Sabbath} ~~Ecclesiastical~~ ^{ways} tyranny, when
the popular voice had not the chance it
has to make itself known, even then that voice
that public judgment of the people held those
proud priests in check - "We fear the people,"
they said, "for they all hold John to be a prophet."
Such even then was the power of Honest P.
Opinion over s. proudest & mightiest Priests the
world has ever seen.

How terrible & responsibility attached to a people
& to religious devotees - wh. are giving their social countenance to
Robbery, Adultery, Murder,